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Mrs. Rex A. Raynes Passes Away at Home in Seattle

(From the Andover Correspondent.)

The Andover community was stunned Sunday when word was received from Seattle, Wash., stating that Mrs. Rex A. Raynes had suddenly passed away at 3:00 that morning.

Grace Korte was born August 24, 1894, at Big Stone City, S. D., to Mr. and Mrs. John Korte. Here she attended school, graduating from high school in 1913. She attended N. S. T. C., in Aberdeen and taught in Andover and Big Stone City.

In 1920 she was united in marriage to Dr. Rex A. Raynes and the new home was established in Andover. Four children were born to this couple. Mrs. Raynes was reared in the Evangelical church at Big Stone and later joined the Methodist church in Andover and transferred to Seattle after moving there. She was very active in the church and community life of Andover. She attended the telephone exchange and wrote news for the Webster Journal and Reporter and Farmer. In 1943 the Raynes family moved to Seattle, Wash., where Mrs. Raynes conducted a nursery for children. Later she was compelled to remain at her home, due to poor health.

Last summer Dr. and Mrs. Raynes accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, (Jean) Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kraft, back to Andover for a visit. Saturday, Mrs. Raynes and daughter, Marlys, accompanied Miss Deetz to the airport as she left for Minneapolis to be with her mother, and was in as good health as usual and enjoyed a visit with her little granddaughter on the return trip. She roused in her sleep and only lived a few minutes.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Seattle. She leaves her husband, Dr. R. A. Raynes; three daughters, Marlys, Jean (Mrs. Howard Kraft), both of Seattle; Bess Marie, (Mrs. George Taylor) of California, and one son, John, of Seattle; three sisters, Myrtle and Vern of Big Stone City and Rillie of Seattle, and one brother and one granddaughter, Shirley Jean Kraft, and many other relatives and friends. Nine former Andover families living in Tacoma, were represented at the funeral services.

More information may be received later. Andover friends extend sympathy to the Raynes families.